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(Situation Map attached).

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1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

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Rear boundary of Third Army (effective 052400A): Beginning at intersection of road N 52B with Army Group boundary vicinity ARNAVILLE U7647 - along road N 52B to CHAMBLEY U6351 - MARS LA TOUR U6557 - JARNEY U6563 - road N 390 to COMFLANS U6365 - road IC 15 to junction with N 381 U6081 - road N 381 to LANDRES U5982 - road IC 15 small 6 to MURVILLE U6134 - road N 52B to VILLERS U6299 - road N 52 to LONGWY P5704 - road N 18 to ARLOY P6122 - road N 4 to BASTOGNE P5558 - road N 15 to HOUFFALIZE P6172 - to junction with lateral boundary between First and Third Armies (all incl to Army).

Boundary between XX and XII Corps changed as follows: Present boundary from BOUS P9807 to TRIER L2129 - EURANG L2435 - QUINT L2536 - ERLNBACH L3243 - SAIMROHR L3648 (all incl to XX Corps) - MITTLICH L3954 (incl to XII Corps, road rights to XX Corps) - KRINKHOF L4861 - BEUREN L5366 (all incl to XII Corps) - BREMM L5567 (to XX Corps).

Boundary between XII U S Corps and VIII U S Corps changed as follows: As before to KYLL River at DENSBORN L1970 (to VIII Corps) - SAIM L2573 (to both corps) - OBERSTADTFELD L3075 - WALDKONIGEN L3281 - NEICHEN L3885 (all incl to XII Corps) - HUMERBACH L4383 - BOOS L4890 - KURRENBERG L5893 (all incl to VIII Corps).

Temporary boundary between V and III Corps (effective 042300A): ENZEN F2629 - OBERGARTZEN F2626 - SATZVEY F2725 - ANTWELER F3023 - KALKAR F3122 (all incl to III Corps) - ARLOFF F3222 - CUCHENHEIM F3528 (all incl to V Corps).

Permanent boundary between V and III Corps extended as follows: BILLIG F3226 - KIRCHHEIM F3623 - F4220 - F4816 - DERNAU F5015 (all incl to III Corps).

Permanent boundary between III and VII Corps changed as follows: As before to F3455 - thence southeast of F3652 along road to RJ F3850 - VORHEM F4049 - GODORF F4650 (all incl to VII Corps).

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

SIXTH ARMY GROUP. (051200A). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. 14th French Division. No change.

I Corps. Small German patrols were active along the entire front during the period.

II Corps. No change.

SEVENTH ARMY. 3d and 45th Divisions. No change.

VI Corps. 14th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" relieved Combat Command "B" in the vicinity of Q9227.

XV Corps. No change.

XXI Corps. 70th Division. Attacked north and made small advances on the division front. Reached MARIENAU Q3765 and continued fighting in STIRING-WENDEL Q4167. Front line change: Q4367 - Q3967 - Q3866.

TWENTY-FIRST ARMY GROUP. NINTH U S ARMY. (052400A). 29th Division. No change.

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XIX Corps. Corps mission was completed and all resistance in corps zone was eliminated. 95th Division. Captured UERDINGEN A2306 and held the line of the RHINE River from A2407 to A2816. 2d Armored Division. Commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of MUNCHEN GLADEBACH F1090.

XIII Corps. 84th Division. Advanced to the RHINE River within its zone against light resistance. Consolidated and improved positions. Front line change: A2817 - A2917 - A2818 - A2719 - A2620 - A2621 - A2722 - A2622. 5th Armored Division. Continued to mop up in its zone and behind the 84th Division. Captured ORSOY A2725 against light resistance. Front line change: ORSOY A2725.

XVI Corps. 289th Infantry reverted to 75th Division control and closed in the division assembly area in the vicinity of VENLO E9109. 35th Division. (With CCB, 8th Armd Div, and 15th Cav Gp atchd). Captured LINTFORT A1722 and continued fighting in RHEINBERG A2128 against moderate resistance. Maintained contact with the 53d British Division. Front line change: RHEINBERG A2128 - A1826 - A1725 - A1624 - A1526 - A1327.

SECOND BRITISH ARMY. XII Corps. No change.

VIII Corps. No change.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. 15th and 49th Divisions. No change.

XXX Corps. 52d Division. (With 34th Tk Bde and 1st Commando Bde atchd). 1st Commando Brigade was relieved from attachment and attached to First Canadian Army. 53d Division. (With 8th Armd Bde atchd). Attacked northeast along the ISSUM A0927 - WESSEL A2340 road and advanced two miles. Front line change: A1430. Guards Armored Division. Passed through the 3d Division and captured the wooded areas A0932 and A1132 against light resistance. Front line change: A1132 - A0932. 3d Division. Advanced one mile east on a one-mile front from A0333 and reached A0633 - A0534.

II Canadian Corps. 3d Canadian Division. Attacked south and captured SONSBECK A0535. 4th Canadian Armored Division. 10th Canadian Brigade attacked through the 3d Canadian Division and reached A0735 against moderate resistance. Front line change: A0735. 2d Canadian Division. Advanced one mile east on a two-mile front against light resistance, but through extensive minefields. Front line change: A0839 - A0940 - A0941 - A0842. 43d Division. 214th Brigade captured WARDT A1044 against moderate resistance. Front line change: WARDT A1044.

I Corps. No change.

AIR. (5 March). Eighth Air Force: Dispatched 429 bombers against a synthetic oil plant in RUHLAND A2535 and oil refineries in the vicinity of HAMBURG S5055. 988.8 tons of general purpose and 3.1 tons of incendiary bombs were dropped on assigned targets and two targets of opportunity. Three bombers were lost. Twenty-seven aircraft dropped 13.5 tons of general purpose bombs on marshalling yards at KREUZTAL G1863 and SIEGEN G2053 and a railroad line at HADAMAR G2206. 743 fighter aircraft sortied in support of the bomber operation. Two aircraft were lost. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: Dispatched 381 bombers against installations in MARBURG G7346, UNNA A9727, WETZLAR G5418, KREUZTAL G1863 and BINGEN M1152. 565 fighter/fighter bomber sorties were flown.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: Light rain and drizzle. Clouds: Overcast with some breaks late in the morning and during the afternoon. Visibility: 1 to 2 miles, becoming 2 to 4 miles by 1200A, except in rain. Wind: 8 mph, northwest. Temperatures at NAMUR: Maximum 50° F. Minimum 40° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

TWELFTH ARMY GROUP. 66th Division. No change.

THIRD ARMY. 65th Division. Attached to IX Corps. 89th Division. No change.

XX Corps. 94th Division. (With 3d Cav Gp atchd). Repulsed counterattacks in the vicinity of L2514 and L2615 without loss of ground. 10th Armored Division. (With 417th Inf atchd). Established a bridgehead over the RUTHER River and south of the MOSELLE River. Units advanced one mile east and captured KENN L2734. Other units established a firm bridgehead over the KYLL River and north of MOSELLE. Front line change: L2832 - L2733 - KENN L2734 - L2536 - L2436. 65th Division. Closed in the vicinity of ROUAY-MOSELLE Q0965.

XII Corps. 76th Division. (Less 417th Inf). Made a small advance against resistance from infantry weapons. Repulsed a small counterattack without loss of ground. The 2d Cavalry Group was attached at 1030A and relieved units of the 335th Infantry along the KYLL River line from L2236 to L2141. Front line change: L2316. 5th Division. The 11th Infantry attacked east through the bridgehead against scattered resistance but against many well-defended natural and prepared obstacles that impeded the advance as the period ended. 4th Armored Division. Advanced a spearhead eleven miles northeast against light and scattered resistance. Captured SAIM L2572, WALLENBORN L2773 and OBR. STADTFELD L3075 and assisted the VIII Corps in establishing bridgeheads over the KYLL River. Units entered OBERKAIL L2460 and captured STEINBORN L2063 and MEISBURG L2568. Front line change: OBERKAIL L2460 - MEISBURG L2568 - OBR. STADTFELD L3075 - WALLENBORN L2773 - SAIM L2572 - STEINBORN L2063. 80th Division. Swept through the woods to the KYLL River in the division zone from L1862 to L1868.

VIII Corps. 6th Cavalry Group. Cleared zone to the KYLL River in the vicinity of L1869. 90th Division. Advanced two miles east to the KYLL River against defended road blocks and through extensively mined areas. BIRRESBORN L2075, LISSINGEN L2180 and that portion of MURLENBACH L1973 west of the KYLL River were captured. The attack was resumed and a firm bridgehead across the KYLL River was established north of MURLENBACH. The 358th Infantry closed in the vicinity of L1477 in reserve. Front line change: L1869 - MURLENBACH L1973 - L2274 - L2275 - L2276 - L2376 - L2278 - LISSINGEN L2180. 11th Armored Division. Advanced four miles east to the KYLL River L2286 against light resistance. Captured ROTH L2084 and entered NIEDERBETTINGEN L2286. Combat Command "A" closed in the vicinity of WALLERSHEIM L1378. Front line change: ROTH L2084 - NIEDERBETTINGEN L2286 - RJ L1866. 4th Division. Advanced over one mile and straightened its front. Units captured OOS L1782 and DUPPACH L1685 and followed the advance of the 11th Armored Division. Front line changes: OOS L1782 and L1485 - L1386 - L1387. 87th Division. Advanced four miles east to the KYLL River L2091 against moderate small arms and artillery fire. Captured LISSENDORF L1991, GOMMERSDORF L1892 and STADTKYLL L1495. Combat Command "A" reverted to the control of the 11th Armored Division. Front line change: L1488 - LISSENDORF L1991 - GOMMERSDORF L1892 - L1595 - STADTKYLL L1495 - L1196 - L0996 - L0996.

FIRST ARMY. V Corps. 2d Division. Advanced one mile east against light resistance. Captured BERG F1926 and entered DUTTLING F1523. Front line changes: F1418 - F1621 - F1522 - DUTTLING F1523 and F2125 - F1929. 102d Cavalry Group. Advanced to GLENN F1923.

III Corps. 78th Division. Captured WISSKIRCHEN F2928 and EUEHEIM F3028 and advanced four miles southeast through the BILLIGER WALD F2924 against light resistance. Captured BILLIG F3226, STOTZHEIM F3426, FLAMERSHEIM F3725 and SCHWEINHEIM F3824. Entered RIEDER F3325 and ANTWELER F2923. Front line change: SATZVEY F2725 - ANTWELER F2923 - BILLIG F3226 - RIEDER F3325 - FLAMERSHEIM F3725 - SCHWEINHEIM F3824. 9th Armored Division. (Less CCB). Advanced three miles east against light resistance. Captured UCHENHEIM F3528, WEIDESHEIM F3629, ESCH F3831, OBR. DRIES F4227, NDR. DRIES F4228 and PALMERSHEIM F3726. Units entered ODEENDORF F3928 and LUDENDORF F4029. Front line change: OBR. DRIES F4227 - NDR. DRIES F4228 - ODEENDORF F3928 - LUDENDORF F4029 - ESCH F3831. 9th Division. (With CCB 9th Arm'd Div atchd). Advanced two miles east and captured SCHNEPPENHEIM F3734, OLLHEIM F4032 and HEIMERZHEIM F4135. Front line change: OLLHEIM F4032 - HEIMERZHEIM F4135. 1st Division. (With 14th Cav Gp atchd). Advanced two miles east through woods and against light to moderate resistance. MERTEN F4242 and KARDORF F4341 were captured. Front line change: KARDORF F4341 - MERTEN F4242.

VII Corps. 8th Division. (Less 13th Inf). Continued the attack and advanced over one mile to the south to cut the southern approaches to COLOGNE F4459. Captured STOTENHEIM F3855, GLEHSEL F3655 and KNAPSACK F3751. Entered HERMULHEIM F4053 where several enemy tanks were encountered. Front line change: F3551 - KNAPSACK F3751 - HERMULHEIM F4053. 104th Division. Advanced four miles east and fought deep into the heart of COLOGNE F4459. Units entered EFTEREN F4555 where fighting continued. Encountered moderate but stubborn resistance. Front line change: EFTEREN F4055 - F4357 - F4259 - F4359 - F4459 - F4360. 3d Armored Division. (With 13th Inf and 4th Cav Gp atchd). Advanced three miles southeast and well into the city of COLOGNE F4459. Other units advanced three miles east and cleared resistance from nearly all of the division area to the RHINE River north of COLOGNE. LONGBRICH F4366, MAUNHEIM F4565, NIEHL F4566, RHEINFELD F3878 and the FORD Motor plant in the vicinity of F4568 were captured. Front line change: F4460 - F4461 - F4561 - MAUNHEIM F4565 - NIEHL F4566 - north along the RHINE River to RHEINFELD F3878 - F3480 - F3481. 99th Division. Contained a small attack in the vicinity of F3381 from an isolated pocket of hostile troops who attempted to break out. Units continued to mop up west of the RHINE River in the division zone. Launched an attack at 0500A and reduced all resistance west of the river. Units captured UDESHEIM F3385 and a zinc works in the vicinity of F3483. Front line change: RHINE River F3485 north to F3087.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. 13th Armored, 16th Armored, 20th Armored, 86th, 97th Divisions, XXII and XXIII Corps. All no change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 052400A).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
Twelfth Army Group Battle	60,903	252,533	35,782	8,794	358,012
Non-battle					258,388
			Total Casualties		616,400

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

Twenty-First Army Group	
XXX Corps	KWELAER E9632
95th Division	KRETFELD A2006
Twelfth Army Group	
VIII Corps	BLEIALF P9683
76th Division	SULM L1647
80th Division	RITTERSDORF L1156
89th Division	MBERSCH P8229
90th Division	SCHONECKEN L0974
99th Division	GOHR F2879
3d Armored Division	PULHEIM F3167

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